

RULES AND SELECTIONS: PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES TO BOARD COMPOSITION (APPROVED 3/27/24 4/0/0)

RATIONALE:

1. Stakeholders have demanded changes to Board Composition in order to have more accountability, broader representation and a more direct connection to the VNC Board.
2. In order to ensure broader and adequate representation throughout Venice and address concerns raised at the March Board meeting that having ten (10) neighborhoods was too much, this proposal contains six (6) Zones and links contiguous neighborhoods but provides for ten (10) Zone Representatives.
3. Solves the issue raised that Oakwood on the original map proposed in March appeared to be "split".
4. Is designed to ensure that no one category such as At-large-Live Work Own Stakeholders (LWO) would have a majority position on the Council (a city charter requirement-refer to VNC bylaws)
5. Allows LWO Stakeholders to vote for all positions and for direct representation.
6. Eliminates LWO voters only being allowed to vote for one of fourteen (14) open positions.
7. Meets City Charter requirement that at least one position must be available for All Stakeholders (LWO and Community Interest) to both run for and vote for. (LWO to run for community interest must provide proof of community interest as defined in the VNC Bylaws)

PROPOSED BOARD COMPOSITION:

NO CHANGE:

1. Size of Board remains at 21 members
2. SEVEN (7) "Officers" continue to be elected by Live Work Own (LWO) Stakeholders: President, Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, LUPC Chair, Outreach Chair and Communications Chair. (Only LWO Stakeholders may run and vote for these "Officer" positions.)
3. Community Interest Stakeholders will continue to run and vote only for the one Community Interest position.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

1. Allows for Representation by Geographic Area:

Creates ten (10) Geographic Zone Members elected from six (6) Districts (see map). Eligible candidates for these positions must live, work or own in their respective district. Zone Members are elected by LWO in their respective districts. Two (2) representatives will be elected from each of the four (4) Districts that represent approximately 20% of the population, with voters in Oxford Triangle and Peninsula (each with approximately 10% of population) electing one (1) representative because, despite their common postal code, they are not contiguous. Stakeholders who live, work or own in more than one District cannot run or vote in more than one District.

PROPOSED ZONES: SEE MAP

- a. Zone 1 (East Venice) Two (2) Zone Representatives
- b. Zone 2 (Oakwood) Two (2) Zone Representatives
- c. Zone 3 (Milwood, President's Row, Silver Triangle) Two (2) Zone Representatives
- d. Zone 4 (Windward, Ocean Front plus Canals area west of Ocean and North of Washington) Two (2) Zone Representatives
- e. Zone 5 (Peninsula) One (1) Zone Representative
- f. Zone 6 (Oxford Triangle) One (1) Zone Representative

2. Eliminates Live Work Own (LWO) Stakeholders only voting for either one (1) of Thirteen At-large Community Officers or the one (1) Community Interest Officer.

LWO Stakeholders can vote for:

- a. All three (3) At-large Community Members who will be elected by LWO Stakeholders. (Only LWO eligible are to run and vote for these positions)
- b. One (1) Community Interest Member elected by ALL Stakeholders (LWO and Community. Qualifying Stakeholders who have a community interest as defined in the Bylaws may run for this position)
- c. An individual can only run for one of the four positions.

CONCLUSION:

Instead of the voting for only eight (8) Members of the 21-Member Board (seven (7) At-large Officers/Chair and either one (1) At-large Community Member or a Community Interest Member), LWO Voters in Zone One through Zone Four would cast 13 votes for the seven (7) At-large Officers/Chairs, two (2) Zone Representatives from their respective Zone, three (3) At-large Community Members and one (1) Community Interest Member. Voters in the Oxford Triangle and Peninsula would cast 12 votes as those zones would each have one representative.

This change will improve accountability to the community, allows LWO Stakeholders to vote for all distinct positions, creates more effective outreach by electing Zone Representatives and most importantly reflects what VNC Stakeholders have been asking for.

